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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

3 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

4 JASON MILLER,

5 Plaintiff,

6 v.

7 GATES, *et al.*,

8 Defendants.

Case No. 2:20-cv-0414-JAD-BNW

ORDER

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10 **I. DISCUSSION**

11 On June 2, 2021, the Court issued a screening order permitting one claim to
12 proceed, dismissing some claims with leave to amend, dismissing some Defendants with
13 prejudice, and dismissing some Defendants without prejudice with leave to amend. (ECF
14 No. 6). The Court granted Plaintiff 30 days from the date of that order to file an amended
15 complaint curing the deficiencies of the complaint. (*Id.*) The Court specifically stated that
16 if Plaintiff chose not to file an amended complaint, the action would proceed exclusively
17 against defendants Gates, Pagoua, Rulon, Light, and Vega on Plaintiff's claim that they
18 violated his Eighth Amendment rights by prohibiting him from changing out of his urine-
19 soaked clothing. (*Id.* at 10). Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint. Pursuant to
20 the screening order, this action will proceed exclusively against defendants Gates,
21 Pagoua, Rulon, Light, and Vega on Plaintiff's claim that they violated his Eighth
22 Amendment rights by prohibiting him from changing out of his urine-soaked clothing.

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1 **II. CONCLUSION**

2 For the foregoing reasons,

3 IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court is directed to file the complaint (ECF
4 No. 1-1)

5 IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the Court's screening order (ECF No. 6), this
6 action will proceed exclusively against defendants Gates, Pagoua, Rulon, Light, and Vega
7 on Plaintiff's claim that they violated his Eighth Amendment rights by prohibiting him from
8 changing out of his urine-soaked clothing.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that given the nature of the claim that the Court has
10 permitted to proceed, this action is STAYED for 90 days to allow Plaintiff and Defendants
11 an opportunity to settle their dispute before the \$350.00 filing fee is paid, an answer is
12 filed, or the discovery process begins. During this 90-day stay period and until the Court
13 lifts the stay, no other pleadings or papers may be filed in this case, and the parties may
14 not engage in any discovery, nor are the parties required to respond to any paper filed in
15 violation of the stay unless specifically ordered by the court to do so. The Court will refer
16 this case to the Court's Inmate Early Mediation Program, and the Court will enter a
17 subsequent order. Regardless, on or before 90 days from the date this order is entered,
18 the Office of the Attorney General will file the report form attached to this order regarding
19 the results of the 90-day stay, even if a stipulation for dismissal is entered prior to the end
20 of the 90-day stay. If the parties proceed with this action, the Court will then issue an
21 order setting a date for Defendants to file an answer or other response. Following the
22 filing of an answer, the Court will issue a scheduling order setting discovery and
23 dispositive motion deadlines.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that “settlement” may or may not include payment of
2 money damages. It also may or may not include an agreement to resolve Plaintiff’s
3 issues differently. A compromise agreement is one in which neither party is completely
4 satisfied with the result, but both have given something up and both have obtained
5 something in return.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the case does not settle, Plaintiff will be
7 required to pay the full \$350.00 filing fee. This fee cannot be waived and the fee cannot
8 be refunded once the Court enters an order granting Plaintiff’s application to proceed *in*
9 *forma pauperis*. If the Court allows Plaintiff to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the fee will be
10 paid in installments from his prison trust account. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b). If the Court does
11 not allow Plaintiff to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the \$350.00 will be due immediately.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any party seeks to have this case excluded
13 from the inmate mediation program, that party will file a “motion to exclude case from
14 mediation” no later than 21 days prior to the date set for mediation. The responding party
15 will have 7 days to file a response. No reply will be filed. Thereafter, the Court will issue
16 an order, set the matter for hearing, or both.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will electronically SERVE a
18 copy of this order, the original screening order (ECF No. 6) and a copy of Plaintiff’s
19 complaint (ECF No. 1-1) on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada, by
20 adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not
21 indicate acceptance of service.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Attorney General's Office will advise the Court
2 within 21 days of the date of the entry of this order whether it will enter a limited notice of
3 appearance on behalf of Defendants for the purpose of settlement. By entering a limited
4 notice of appearance, the Attorney General's office will not waive any defenses or
5 objections, including lack of service, of the Defendants.

6 Dated: July 14, 2021



7 Brenda Weksler
8 United States Magistrate Judge
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7 CHARLES DANIEL, *et al.*,

8 Defendants.

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REPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE: RESULTS OF 90-DAY STAY

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10 **NOTE: ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL FILE THIS FORM.**
11 **THE INMATE PLAINTIFF MAY NOT FILE THIS FORM.**

12 On June 2, 2021, the Court issued its screening order stating that it had conducted
13 its screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, and that certain specified claims in this case
14 would proceed. The Court ordered the Office of the Attorney General of the State of
15 Nevada to file a report 90 days after the date of the entry of the Court's screening order to
16 indicate the status of the case at the end of the 90-day stay. By filing this form, the Office
17 of the Attorney General hereby complies.

18 **REPORT FORM**

19 [Identify which of the following two situations (identified in bold type) describes the case,
20 and follow the instructions corresponding to the proper statement.]

21 **Situation One: Mediated Case: The case was assigned to mediation by a court-**
22 **appointed mediator during the 90-day stay.** [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE**
of the six statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed
to the signature block.]

23 _____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on
24 _____ [enter date], and as of this date, the parties have
25 reached a settlement (*even if paperwork to memorialize the settlement
remains to be completed*). (*If this box is checked, the parties are on notice*

that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in the case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [enter date], and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, but the parties have nevertheless settled the case. *(If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)*

No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, but one is currently scheduled for _____ [*enter date*].

No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, and as of this date, no date certain has been scheduled for such a session.

None of the above five statements describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

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Situation Two: Informal Settlement Discussions Case: The case was NOT assigned to mediation with a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay; rather, the parties were encouraged to engage in informal settlement negotiations. [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the four statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (even if the paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed). (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

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_____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ The parties have not engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ None of the above three statements fully describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

Submitted this _____ day of _____, _____ by:

Attorney Name: _____
Print Signature

Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____